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SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

PASS TO: JACK GRIFFIN, CENTURY XX1, A2-3220, ERDA, GERMANTOWN
MD.

THE UNITED STATES HAS IN EFFECT A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
AND ALL AGENCIES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ARE REQUIRED TO ADHERE
TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT.

MOST RECENTLY, THIS ACT WAS AMENDED AND THE AMENDMENTS
TOOK EFFECT ON FEB 19,1975. THE ACT PROVIDES, AMONG OTHERS,
THAT QUOTE ANY PERSON REQUESTING COPIES OF GOVERN-
MENT DOCUMENTS MUST BE GIVEN THEM UNLESS THE DOCUMENTS CLEARLY
FALL WITHIN THE SPECIFIC CATEGORIES OF MATERIAL WHICH MAY
BE WITHHELD, IF NECESSARY, IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST UNQUOTE.

LAST YEAR, THE U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, NOW THE ENERGY
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION AND THE NUCLEAR
REGULATORY COMMISSION, RECEIVED REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
WITH REGARDS TO MATERIALS UNACCOUNTED FOR, COMMONLY REFERRED
TO AS MUF. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS HAVING A STUDY MADE TO
CLEARLY PINPOINT THE ISSUES AND MAKE A DETERMINATION
AS TO WHAT DATA, IF ANY OR ALL, WITH RESPECT TO MUF SHOULD BE
RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC.

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A TOTAL PICTURE CANNOT BE GAINED UNLESS THE REPORT ADDRESSES THE REACTIONS OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHO ARE PARTIES TO, BILATERAL, AND MULTINATIONAL AGREEMENTS.

SPECIFICALLY WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING:

A. ABOUT INFORMATION ON SAFEGUARDS

1. HOW IS SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION PROTECTED?
2. DOES THIS INCLUDE INSPECTION REPORTS?

B. ABOUT MATERIALS UNACCOUNTED FOR

1. DO YOU MAINTAIN DATA ON MUF AS PROPRIETARY INFORMATION?
2. IF SO, BY WHAT PROCEDURES?

C. WHAT WOULD BE YOUR REACTIONS IF THE U.S. IS REQUIRED TO MAKE DATA ON MUFS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE AS FOLLOWS:

1. ALL INFORMATION RELEASED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AS AVAILABLE.
 2. DELAY RELEAST OF DATA FOR A 3-6 MONTHS PERIOD.
 3. RELEASE AGGREGATE INDUSTRY INFORMATION PERIODICALLY.
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